

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G06F17/50

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G06F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, COMPENDEX, IBM-TDB

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5 794 012 A (AVERILL ET AL) 11 August 1998 (1998-08-11) abstract column 3, line 27 - column 4, line 28 column 6, line 30 - column 8, line 67 figure 3	1-19,26
X	BRYANT R ET AL: "Verification of Pipelined Microprocessors by Comparing Memory Execution Sequences in Symbolic Simulation" PROCEEDINGS OF ASIAN COMPUTER SCIENCE CONFERENCE, December 1997 (1997-12), pages 18-31, XP002187087 the whole document	1-19,26

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X	<p>LAHIRI S ET AL: "Experience with term level modeling and verification of the M*CORE microprocessor core"</p> <p>HIGH-LEVEL DESIGN VALIDATION AND TEST WORKSHOP, 2001. PROCEEDINGS. SIXTH IEEE INTERNATIONAL 7-9 NOV. 2001, PISCATAWAY, NJ, USA,IEEE,</p> <p>7 November 2001 (2001-11-07), pages 109-114, XP010569572</p> <p>ISBN: 0-7695-1411-1</p> <p>the whole document</p> <p>-----</p>	1-19,26
X	<p>GUPTA A ET AL: "Toward Formalizing A Validation Methodology Using Simulation Coverage"</p> <p>PROCEEDINGS OF THE DESIGN AUTOMATION CONFERENCE. ANAHEIM, JUNE 9 - 13, 1997, NEW YORK, ACM, US,</p> <p>vol. CONF. 34, 9 June 1997 (1997-06-09), pages 740-745, XP010227534</p> <p>ISBN: 0-7803-4093-0</p> <p>the whole document</p> <p>-----</p>	1-14, 17-19,26

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-19,26

Method for verifying a processor design against a processor specification by simulation

2. claims: 20-25

A method for generating a processor instruction

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 5794012	A	11-08-1998	NONE
